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Please replace the claims currently on file with the following claims:

1. (Currently amended) A unitary, stackable fence module comprising:

two end supports being spaced apart for forming an inside therebetween, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane, and an angle arm connected between an inside of the upper end of the substantially vertical member and an inside of a second end of the horizontal member, ~~the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane; and~~

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, for spacing the end supports of the fence module apart,

wherein, when the angle arm fence module is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent oriented for support on the span members to permit stacking of two or more unitary fence modules, each subsequent module nested within an adjacent lower module of the two or more unitary fence modules for storage or transport, the span members and angle arms of each successive module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous module like fence module are stackable in a nested arrangement inside and between the end supports of the fence module.

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2. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a spacer positioned between the angle arm and the inside side edge of the vertical and horizontal members for providing additional tolerance ~~between each module~~ for stacking like modules in the nested arrangement.

3. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the two end supports further comprising ~~comprise~~ a first end support and a second end support, each of the first and second end assemblies having ~~attachment means~~ for pivotal attachment attached to the vertical member to permit pivotal attachment to a ~~subsequent~~ like fence module,

wherein the ~~attachment means~~ for pivotal attachment on the second end support ~~of a first module co-operate with the attachment means for~~ pivotal attachment on the first end support of the ~~subsequent~~ like fence module;
and

~~the first module and subsequent module~~ like modules are rotatable about the pivotal attachment for forming a corner.

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4. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 3 wherein the means for pivotal attachment comprises ~~a pin and~~:

loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between ~~the second end of the first~~like fence modulemodules; and ~~the first end of the subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough.~~

a pin for passage through the loops.

5. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 4 wherein the pin is of sufficient length to engage ~~the~~ ground at the lower ends of the ~~attached~~ vertical members.

6. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the end ~~support~~supports and the span members are formed of tubular steel.

7. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

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9. (Currently amended) A modular fence system for forming a polygonal enclosure comprising:

three or more stackable fence modules, each fence module comprising

two end supports, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a unitary horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane and

an angle arm connected between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member; and a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart, wherein, the angle arm is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members to permit stacking of the two or more unitary fence modules, each ~~subsequent~~like module nested within an adjacent ~~lower~~like module of the two or more unitary fence modules for storage or transport, the angle arms of each ~~successive~~like module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous like module in a nested arrangement; and

means for pivotal attachment, connected ~~to~~between each of the two end supports of each of the three or more fence modules, for pivotally connecting each of the three or more fence modules to an adjacent fence module for forming the perimeter fence.

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10. (Currently amended) The modular fence system as described in claim 9 wherein the means for pivotal attachment on ~~the~~ a second end support of a first fence module co-operates with the means for pivotal attachment on ~~the~~ a first end support of a ~~subsequent~~ like fence module; and

the first fence module and ~~subsequent~~ like fence module are rotatable about the means for pivotal attachment ~~means for forming a corner~~.

11. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 9 wherein the means for pivotal attachment comprises ~~a pin and loops~~ arranged along each vertical member ~~so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between the~~ first and second end supports, the loops of the first fence module and the first end of support being spaced to cooperate with the loops on the subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough second end support so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between like fence modules; and

further comprising a pin for passing through the vertically aligned loops, the like modules being pivoted about the pin.

12. Currently cancelled

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13. (Currently amended) A modular fence system for forming a polygonal perimeter fence comprising:

three or more stackable fence modules, each module comprising two end supports, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane and an angle arm connected between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member; and a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart, wherein, the angle arm is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members to permit nested stacking of two or more unitary fence assemblies for storage or transport, the angle arms of each successive module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous module in a nested arrangement; and

a pivotal attachment, connected to each of the two end supports of each of the three or more fence modules, for pivotally connecting each of the three or more fence modules to an adjacent fence module for forming the perimeter fence, the pivotal attachment further comprising a pin and loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between the second end of the first fence module and the first end of the subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough, the pin being of sufficient length to engage the ground at the lower ends of the attached vertical members.

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14. (Previously presented) The modular fence system of claim 13 wherein at least one of the fence modules further comprises a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

15. (New) A plurality of like unitary, stackable fence modules, wherein each module comprises:

two end supports being spaced apart for forming an inside therebetween, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane, and an angle arm connected between an inside of the upper end of the substantially vertical member and an inside of a second end of the horizontal member; and

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support for spacing the end supports of the fence module apart, wherein, when plurality of like fence modules are oriented for support on the span members for storage or transport, the angle arms and span members of each like module fit inside between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a like fence module in a vertical nested arrangement.

16. (New) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 15 further comprising a spacer positioned between the angle arm and the inside side edge of the vertical and horizontal members for providing additional tolerance for stacking like modules in the nested arrangement.

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17. (New) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the end support and the span members are formed of tubular steel.

18. (New) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.